

SENATE BILL 1009  
By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29 and Title 48, relative to tort liability of certain charities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

29-34-\_\_\_\_. It shall not constitute a defense to any cause of action based on tort brought against a corporation or its employees that the corporation is, or at the time the cause of action arose was, a charity for purposes of Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3); provided, that if the tort was committed in the course of any activity carried on to accomplish the charitable purposes of such corporation, liability in any such cause of action will not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). The provisions of this section shall be limited to Section 501(c)(3) corporations that have provided charitable services in Tennessee for at least twenty (20) years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, and shall apply to causes of action arising on and after such date, the public welfare requiring it.